

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	David H. Coar	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	08 C 1017	DATE	March 20, 2008
CASE TITLE	Stevie Jones # 11523-040 v. United States		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

Petitioner is given until April 30, 2008, either to file an *in forma pauperis* application on the enclosed form with the information required by § 1915(a)(2) or to pay the full \$350 filing fee. If Petitioner takes no action by that date, the court will dismiss the Petition without prejudice. The clerk is directed to send Petitioner an *in forma pauperis* application along with a copy of this order. The clerk is further directed to send a copy of this order to the trust officer at Atlanta- FPC. Petitioner is advised that if he also wanted to file a motion to compel, he would have had to do so in his criminal case 03 CR 689-17. However, since he has now filed a petition for mandamus, he has incurred the full civil filing fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

■ [For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

Petitioner filed this case without either paying the filing fee or seeking leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Effective April 26, 1996, the Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA") significantly changed the procedures in prisoner litigation brought without prepayment of the filing fee. This Court requires that persons seeking leave to file *in forma pauperis* file their motions on a prescribed form. LR 3.3. The form requires inmates to obtain a certificate stating the amount of money they have on deposit in their prison or jail trust fund account. Plaintiff did not use the prescribed form, did not submit the six month trust account statement and did not have the motion certified by an authorized officer at the federal prison.

To enable the court to make the necessary initial assessment of the filing fee, Plaintiff must submit the required *in forma pauperis* form, and also "submit a certified copy of the trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the prisoner for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint or notice of appeal, obtained from the appropriate official of each prison at which the prisoner is or was confined." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2).

If Petitioner wishes to proceed with this case *in forma pauperis* he must file an *in forma pauperis* application on the form required by the rules of this court together with a certified copy or copies of his trust fund statements reflecting all activity in his accounts in the immediately preceding six-month period.

If Petitioner takes no action by April 30, 2008, the court will dismiss the petition without prejudice. He still remains liable for the full \$350 filing fee.

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